

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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H. Curtis Spalding, Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: State Implementation Plan Revision Submittal for Env-A 600, Statewide Permit System

Dear Administrator Spalding:

Pursuant to section 110 of the federal Clean Air Act as amended, the state of New Hampshire hereby submits for approval the subject proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision and one exact electronic copy thereof on a disk (enclosed). As Governor John Lynch's designee, I am requesting EPA's prompt approval of this revision, which consists of the recent readoption with amendments of Env-A 600, *Statewide Permitting Program*. The following parts and sections of Env-A 600 are not SIP-approved, are not being submitted for approval, and are struck through in the enclosed copy of the "actual rule":

- Env-A 606, Air Pollution Dispersion Modeling Impact Analysis
- Env-A 607.01(t), (aa), and (ab), requiring permits for sources subject to rules that are not SIP-approved
- Env-A 609, Title V Operating Permits
- Env-A 614, Citizen Petitions to EPA
- Env-A 622, Permit Notice and Hearing Procedures: Title V. Operating Permits
- Env-A 624, Permits for the Combustion of Non-Exempt Fuel

The enclosed rules supersede versions of Env-A 600 that were submitted as SIP revisions to EPA on October 15, 2004, and March 31, 2011, and DES hereby withdraws those submittals.

This submittal is also intended to amend the September 18, 2009 and April 3, 2008 SIP submittals with respect to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) requirements for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 2.5 micrometers in diameter or smaller (PM_{2.5}). Env-A 619, as amended, incorporates by reference the new annual and 24-hour PM_{2.5} increments and two screening tools for PM_{2.5}, known as the Significant Impact Levels (SILs) and a Significant Monitoring Concentration (SMC), as adopted by EPA on October 20, 2010 (75 FR 64864) and codified at 40 CFR §52.21.

The enclosed Env-A 619, as amended, and in conjunction with the November 8, 2012 SIP submittal of Env-A 300, Ambient Air Quality Standards, satisfies section 110(a)(2) sub-

elements (A), (C), (D)(i)(II), and (J). These submittals have been made within one year of EPA's conditional approval of the September 18, 2009 and April 3, 2008 SIP submittals, as required by EPA in 77 FR 63228 (Oct. 16, 2012), and as codified at 40 CFR §52.1519(a)(3) and (4).

This submittal contains all documentation necessary to satisfy the SIP completeness requirements pursuant to 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix V. The following administrative materials are included for your review:

- a. Evidence of the rule's adoption
- b. Evidence of legal authority
- c. A copy of the actual rule
- d. Evidence that all the State's legal requirements were followed in adopting the rule and submitting the SIP revision
- e. Evidence that the public notice was given in accordance with EPA procedures
- f. Certification that, if requested, the public hearing was held in accordance with the public notice
- g. A compilation of public comments and the State's responses thereto

One of the requirements of Appendix V is that the documentation include the date of adoption, as well as the effective date, of the rule. In accordance with RSA 541-A:14, an agency may adopt a rule after all procedures have been completed. The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) adopts a rule on the day its Commissioner signs a letter advising that he has adopted the rule and files the adopted rule with the Director of the Office of Legislative Services (OLS). The rule takes effect the day after it is filed unless a different date is requested in the letter. The attachments hereto contain a letter from the DES Commissioner to the Director of the OLS, documenting the adoption of the rule, as well as written documentation from the OLS as to the filing and effective dates of the rule.

Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Karla McManus, Planning and Rules Manager, at karla.mcmanus@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-6854, or Barbara L. Hoffman, SIP Planning Manager, at barbara.hoffman@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-7874. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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